

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Establishing a joint task force on labor workforce, training, and retention.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the state, like many states across the nation, is facing a workforce
4 shortage among all sectors of its economy; and

5 **WHEREAS** the state has experienced several years of outmigration, which has led to
6 a decline in population; and

7 **WHEREAS** the future economic health of the state will depend heavily on workforce
8 education, training, and development; and

9 **WHEREAS** the lack of affordable housing, child care, and reliable broadband
10 contribute to our current workforce crisis; and

11 **WHEREAS** significant amount of federal infrastructure money has been appropriated
12 to the state; and

13 **WHEREAS** major oil development projects, including Willow and Pikka, will be
14 coming on line in the next few years; and

15 **WHEREAS** multiple agencies, organizations, and associations in the state are
16 working to improve workforce availability and development; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature should remain informed on these issues and
2 should be actively engaged in promoting and pursuing any efforts to mitigate the situation;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that a joint task force on labor
4 workforce, training, and retention is established to consider labor workforce, training, and
5 retention issues and provide recommendations to the legislature; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the speaker of the house of representatives and
7 president of the senate shall each appoint three members to the joint task force, including the
8 chairs of the respective labor and commerce committees who will serve as co-chairs of the
9 joint task force; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the joint task force will conduct meetings throughout
11 calendar year 2023 and deliver a final report with recommendations to the legislature not later
12 than the start of the Second Regular Session of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature.